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LEGISLATION

New bill takes on fentanyl

Kevin Maimann
Metro | Edmonton

Alberta has become the first province to regulate pill presses in the fight against fentanyl.

Progressive Conservative MLA Mike Ellis tabled the private member's bill that passed unanimously in the legislature Monday to regulate the machines, which are currently unrestricted and can be bought online. Numerous websites sell the presses. A quick eBay search brought up machines costing from $500 to $3,000.

Ellis, a former police officer, said he consulted with doctors, pharmacists, police and naturopaths before tabling Bill 205.

The forthcoming law will restrict the purchase of pill presses, table machines, pharmaceutical mixers and capsule-filling machines to pharmacists and other people with licences.

IN BRIEF

Making online buying safe
Edmonton police have launched a campaign aimed at keeping online shoppers safe. The EPS 'Online Buyer Beware' campaign urges caution when buying from sites like Kijiji by questioning low prices, asking sellers for original receipts, and meeting in well-lit public locations. METRO STAFF

Troubles are brewing as Situation comes to a head

ZONING

New venture is ready to go but bylaws hurting beer startups

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

A new company will soon brew and serve beer just off Whyte Avenue, but city bylaws could make it difficult for other brewpubs to set up in Edmonton.

Situation Brewing Company will hold a grand opening for their new location on Gateway Boulevard and 81 Avenue on May 25. The company will be part brewery, part restaurant and aims to give customers a look behind the curtain on how their beer is made.

"We just tore the curtains down and we built our brewery a block off Whyte Avenue," said founder Wayne Sheridan.

"We could make beer for Edmontonians anywhere in Edmonton, but more than that we want to show people the process."

In 2013, the Alberta Liquor and Gaming Corporation removed rules that forced any potential brewer to be able to brew at least 500,000 litres of beer a year. Last year, they further removed restrictions to allow breweries to open restaurants and tap rooms on their premises.

The changes have led to a flurry of new brew pubs in Calgary, which recently changed its zoning bylaws to create a new class for breweries.

But Edmonton hasn't seen nearly the same boom in interest. Situation is the only company coming forward so far.

Sheridan said it was difficult to find a good spot for his brewery, but city staff helped a lot with his particular application.

"There is a way that they made it work, but it took us about three months," he said.

Sheridan said the provincial government's changes will drive interest in more breweries, but added that the city should consider new zoning rules to make it easier.

He said new start-ups will want to be in a core part of the city, not an industrial park, which is where bylaws would currently put breweries.

"No one wants to do it in a factory somewhere in south Edmonton — they want to do it in an interesting location."

Harry Luke, a senior planner with Edmonton for commercial and industrial development, said the city hasn't had enough interest to consider changing bylaws for brew pubs.

"We don't have any call to make any changes. We haven't had a rush of applications to amend our zoning bylaw," he said. "We don't have any formal requests to review the zoning bylaw with respect to micro-breweries."

> No one wants to do it in a factory somewhere in south Edmonton.
> Wayne Sheridan, Situation Brewing Company

Wayne Sheridan stands in his new brewery, which is set to open next week. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

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Kids hold the heavens

EDUCATION

3D printer lets blind children feel grandeur they cannot see

Alex Boyd
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Laura Larson, CNIB Children's Department assistant, holds a model she 3D printed of the solar system that's designed to help people with limited vision learn about planets. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

Thanks to a new 3D printer donated to CNIB Alberta, Laura Larson can hold the solar system in her hand.

Although she's sighted, with the scale model she can use her hands to gauge the size of the sun compared to the Earth or the distance of the planets from each other.

For the people Larson works with, who are blind, it puts a learning experience at their fingertips that words just can't match.

"A child that is blind or visually impaired may never be able to see, say, a poster of a solar system," said Larson, who works in the CNIB's children's department.

"Realizing how big the planets are, how big the sun is, how small we are in our world is a really difficult concept to understand if you can't see it or feel it."

The Rotary Club of Edmonton Strathcona recently donated $4,000 for the purchase of the printer, which is the first of its kind to be used by CNIB in western Canada.

Chapter president Harald Kuckertz said he's "just amazed" watching the printer's capabilities change learning.

The group of about 60 members is focused on helping young people, he said, and many were moved to donate after seeing a presentation from one of the CNIB's clients.

"It's certainly one of the modern technologies that's helping people who really need it," he said.

From models of animals, machines and graphs to more practical things such as knife guards for cooking or custom cane tips, Larson said the printer's applications for the blind or visually impaired are almost endless.

> **How small we are in our world is a really difficult concept ... if you can't see it.**
> Laura Larson

"We'll also be able to print maps so they can figure out their neighbourhood, where their bus stop is, where their house is," she said.

Conor Pilz, manager of major giving at CNIB Alberta, said they realized the technology's potential after taking a group of young clients to an exhibit of Vincent Van Gogh replicas last year.

There, organizers invited the kids to touch the 3D recreations.

"What our young children were saying was unbelievable. They were saying, 'Oh, it looks like open spaces! It feels like flowers!' And these were kids who have low vision or no vision."

BRENTWOOD FIVE

Tributes to stab victims read out

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

Struggling through tears, family members of the Brentwood five paid tribute to their loved ones in court Tuesday on the second day of Matthew de Grood's trial.

The accused is facing five counts of first-degree murder in the 2014 stabbing deaths.

The five families of Jordan Segura, Lawrence Hong, Kaiti Perras, Josh Hunter and Zackariah Rathwell spoke of the young people they loved who were taken from them too soon.

"She was a dancer and she moved elegantly on stage," said Nicky Perras, Kaiti's sister. "When Kaiti performed, it was like time stood still."

Some imagined the future lives of the victims.

"All we have is a hypothetical of what could have been," said Miles Hong, Lawrence's younger brother.

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Signs, signs, everywhere the signs

The Neon Sign Museum just grew again

ALEX BOYD/METRO

Curators have added seven restored or recreated signs to Edmonton's Neon Sign Museum at 104th Street and 104th Avenue.

For Tim Pedrick, a director with the Alberta Sign Association, it's a labour of love. "The first signs were great, but the signs that we've added make it twice as good or more," he said. "I'm so excited to see them all lit up, I may sleep under them."

We asked Pedrick to pick a few favourites. Here's what he said.

1 WW Arcade

Your eyes do not deceive you: There was already a WW Arcade at the museum, but now there are two. The new, larger sign is one of a handful of replicas on the wall. Pedrick likes it for the role the store once played on Jasper Avenue.

"Hardware stores used to be a gathering place, and many fathers would take sons to a hardware store on a Saturday," he said.

2 Bee Bell Bakery

This sign fairly recently beckoned customers to the popular health bakery just off Whyte Avenue, but Pedrick is excited because it will join its long-lost cousin of sorts — the Art Store sign. Both were designed by artist Janet Traub, who also donated them.

"They're unique in the way they relate to each other," he said. "It's kind of cool."

3 Princess Theatre

While the original sign was so badly beat up it was beyond restoration, according to Pedrick, the replica stands as an accurate representation of the oldest existing theatre in Edmonton.

"There's great colour in it," Pedrick said. "When it's lit up, it's magnificent."

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ECONOMY

Low dollar means a rise in stay-cations

Kevin Maimann
Metro | Edmonton

Busy festivals and hotel rooms could mark the summer of stay-cations in Edmonton, thanks in part to a slow economy and low Canadian dollar.

"I think all of the businesses in the tourism sector anticipate increases in attendance for events," said Edmonton Tourism spokesperson Renee Williams. "I think the festivals will definitely see some increased attendance as well." Local attractions are already seeing increased traffic due to visits from Fort McMurray evacuees, some of whom might stay into the summer depending on fire developments.

Williams expects destinations like Elk Island Park just outside of Edmonton to see an increase in business as well.

"Even prior to this tragedy, we were anticipating this would be the year of the staycation. And that's really because of what's happened in the economy," she said. Edmonton International Airport spokesperson Heather Hamilton said the weak dollar has especially affected flights to the United States so far this year.

> "All our airports are seeing reduced travel.
>
> Edmonton International Airport spokeswoman Heather Hamilton

"All our airports are seeing reduced travel," she said. "Last year we were in really strong growth mode."

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A Red Cross volunteer set up cots at Northlands for evacuees. The Red Cross has raised $86 million for Fort McMurray relief, but local charities believe donors will still have the room to support them. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

Fire hasn't ruined local charities

RELIEF EFFORT

Fort McMurray disaster 'just another layer to challenge'

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

Edmonton's charities say the focus on Fort McMurray evacuees could pose challenges to fundraising efforts, but believe Albertans have enough compassion to spread their giving.

Since the wildfire tore into Fort McMurray forcing, as of Tuesday, more than 90,000 to leave their homes or work camps, millions have been raised for rebuilding and evacuee support.

The Red Cross alone had raised $86 million as of last Friday. Nancy Critchley, communications director for the United Way of the Alberta Capital Region, said they expected 2016 to be a difficult year, even before the fire.

"We already knew that going into the campaign season this year, with this economy, that it was going to be a challenge," she said. "This recent disaster just adds another layer to that challenge."

But Critchley said she doesn't view the situation as a zero sum game, and right now the organization recognizes Fort McMurray needs all the help it can get.

"This is by no means a competition and in fact other United Ways have all come together to wrap around our United Way in Fort McMurray."

Rachael Chan with the Hope Mission, said they're fortunate to have long-standing relationships with donors and haven't seen a drop in money being raised.

"We haven't found our fundraising any more challenging," she said. "We're very fortunate to have generous donors who continue to support our work regardless of what is going on globally."

Critchley said the United Way's goal of lifting people out of poverty will still be an important one and will be worthy of support, even if they have generously given to Fort McMurray relief as well.

"We know that people in the Alberta capital region recognize that there are still people in our community who are trying to navigate their way through low incomes and poverty."

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Economy could benefit from fire

EVACUATIONS

Spending could give businesses a boost: Expert

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

The Fort McMurray wildfire and resulting evacuations could be a bizarre boost to Edmonton's economy.

Firm numbers are hard to come by but it's known at least 17,000 people have gone through the Northlands evacuation centre and likely thousands more have moved to the city temporarily.

For comparison, at the height of the city's most recent boom, 30,000 people a year were moving to Edmonton, which led to low vacancy rates and a booming construction sector.

The city's chief economist, John Rose, said he expects the influx of evacuees will create a benefit to the city's business community.

"People have been provided with funding from the provincial government and the Red Cross, and they are going to be spending that money in the local economy," he said.

The city's vacancy rate stood at 4.2 per cent last fall. Though Rose said he expects the new number, to be released soon, won't reflect the boost from evacuees, he does expect it to drop as they move into temporary homes.

Hundreds of people lined up outside the U of A's Butterdome last week for financial assistance, money experts say will go into the Edmonton economy. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

17K

Number of people who registered at Edmonton's Northlands as evacuees.

Greg Dewling, CEO of the Capital Region Housing Corporation, said he's only heard anecdotes so far but it appears there is strong demand for housing.

"All the private operators are saying their phones are ringing off the hook," he said.

Ross DeVol, chief research officer with the Milken Institute, studied the economic effects of Hurricane Katrina on cities like Houston, where evacuees fled.

He said Edmonton could see an even bigger bump than those cities.

"In the case of Houston, the proportional impact wasn't as big, but temporarily it caused hotel rooms and other temporary lodging to be full up," he said.

DeVol added that based on the Houston experience, Edmonton could see a long term boost.

"Many migrants that left New Orleans and went to Houston chose to stay there permanently," he said.

"It's quite probable that this will be net positive for Edmonton."

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WAITING GAME

'I feel hopeless': Evacuee

Tim Querengesser
Metro | Edmonton

The hardest part for evacuees from Fort McMurray has obviously been losing their homes or livelihoods. But as the days tick by, those forced from their homes face a new spectre — frustration.

And as news broke Tuesday that wildfires were now attacking oilsands work camps north of Fort McMurray — resulting in the government announcing re-entry plans for the city were bound to be delayed — evacuees outside the Northlands evacuation centre had little positive to say about the long wait ahead.

One man said he'd been hopeful up until today, but now, "I feel hopeless."

Nearby, Paul — a construction worker originally from Nova Scotia — described the situation as "a waiting game."

Paul was scheduled to fly back to the Firebag Lodge camp today, only for that plan to be scuttled as thousands of workers were forced to flee when wildfires attacked the Black Sands.

Running low on money, Paul's decided to stay at Northlands for a few days before making a final decision on what next.

"That's just put a damper on the whole thing, eh," he said of the new fire news. "I knew when we'd go back (to Fort McMurray) that we weren't going to go back to town soon. But I figured we'd stay in the camps."

With that option now looking less likely in the near future, Paul shared his frustration.

"It's not easy."

Workers frustrated: 8,000 flee new fires

DANGER

Wildfires have reached 355k hectares, says Province

Helen Pike and Jeremy Simes
Metro | Calgary

Wildfires threatened numerous camps Monday evening, forcing about 8,000 workers in the area to flee. SUBMITTED

Fort McMurray-area fires have stopped oil and gas companies in their tracks as 8,000 workers, some flown in the same day, were forced from camps with the imminent threat of danger.

Matt Breen was away from his two daughters since February working in Fort McMurray when he was evacuated. But it wasn't long before his company called him back from New Brunswick, asking if he wanted to fly up for a few more weeks and finish the job.

"I didn't really do any research to see what was going on with the fire, I just assumed it was done, I didn't think it was that bad," Breen said. When he landed at Firebag airport he could smell and feel the smoke in the air, but didn't think much of it.

He was bussed to the Blacksand Lodge — the 665 executive-suite rooms, which, as of Tuesday morning, were confirmed to be destroyed.

"I was laying down on the phone, it was a nice bright sunny day and I didn't look out the window for a while," Breen said. "I looked out and it was orange."

Breen said he was about to go get something to eat Monday night when the fire alarm went off and announcements came over loud speakers to let workers know buses were on their way and the fire was headed towards the camp.

Bryan Wheller, evacuated on Monday just up the road from the flames at Noralta Lodge, said he regrets returning to work.

He flew out on Monday to the Noralta lodge and witnessed the chaos firsthand, as camps short on buses and busy with staff scrambled for the second time to evacuate.

Wheller said there weren't enough buses to take all the evacuees, so he waited near the Noralta camp for about six hours.

"They wouldn't tell us what was going on," he said. "I just think it's ridiculous.

"We all fled two weeks ago — a bunch of us came back up thinking we'd finish off the work and get a bit of coin — I've got bills to pay. They didn't have a problem flying us up, but where's the plane to get us out?"

On Tuesday, government officials assured evacuees that planes and buses will be made available to fly or drive them out.

Premier Rachel Notley told reporters the fire grew to 355,000 hectares overnight from 285,000 hectares, adding Noralta and Birch Creek lodges are currently at risk.

When asked if it was a mistake for some workers to be recently flown to camps near Fort McMurray, Notley said many workers had already been in the area and others were flown last week.

"They were many miles away from the city," she said. "What we've done as a result is watch the fire, and when it started to become a threat, (officials) in the Fort McMurray area issued evacuation orders.

PROJECTS

Oilsands naturally resilient

Wildfires that ravaged some neighbourhoods in Fort McMurray and forced 80,000 to flee the city two weeks ago are now chewing through the wilderness further north, where major oilsands projects are located. A 665-unit work lodge has burned down and two more are under threat. But experts and officials say they aren't expecting serious harm to the oil-producing facilities themselves. Here's why:

There's a built-in buffer zone:

Oilsands projects — whether they involve scooping the ore out of a mine or melting it underground with steam — are built in such a way that there's a lot of empty space between facilities and forest. Unlike in residential neighbourhoods where there are a lot of trees and wooden buildings, there's little in the way of fuel at the industrial sites to feed the ravenous flames.

Bitumen doesn't catch fire easily:

Morrison battled wildfires in oilsands country in 2011. Burning bitumen, the tarry product extracted at the sites, wasn't an issue then and it's not expected to be one this time either, he said.

The stuff that could catch fire or explode is mostly underground:

Oilsands projects rely heavily on natural gas to generate power for their plants and heat up the steam that's used to liquefy the bitumen in some projects. They also need diluent, a very light petroleum product, to make the tarry oilsands crude thin enough to flow through pipelines.

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Transgender plan unveiled

EQUALITY

Guidelines aim to outlaw hate speech, discrimination

For years, transgender Canadians had to come up with creative arguments in front of courts and commissions to link discrimination against them with existing human rights laws.

The human rights laws extend some protections to transgender people under the sex discrimination category, but there have been few cases before the federal human rights tribunal, so the scope of the protections themselves has not been all that clear.

The same situation exists for hate speech and hate crime laws: violence against transgender persons may have been captured before, but it wasn't clearly spelled out.

Legislation the government introduced Tuesday would clarify all of that, adding gender identity and expression to human rights and hate crime laws.

Charlie Lowthian-Rickert, who is transgender, speaks along side Justice Minister Jody Wilson-Raybould, right, as she makes an announcement in the foyer of the House of Commons on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Tuesday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"Thank goodness this bill is passing because it will protect us from … hateful propaganda, assaults, rape — stuff like that," said Charlie Lowthian-Rickert, who was born a boy but identifies as a girl.

"It could protect us and stop the people who would have just gone off and done it in the past and discriminated or assaulted us. Now it could be stopping them and then basically punishing them if they actually do it," the 10-year-old said during a morning news conference alongside the federal justice minister.

> **Thank goodness this bill is passing.**
> Charlie Lowthian-Rickert

The bill still has numerous steps before it becomes law. The NDP tried unsuccessfully to fast-track the measure through the House of Commons on Tuesday, arguing it was similar to a private member's bill the Commons approved in the last Parliament with cross-party support.

That bill, from New Democrat Randall Garrison, languished in the Senate before it was ultimately gutted and died when the election was called.

Interim Conservative leader Rona Ambrose said she's prepared to vote for the new bill, but opposition remains in the Senate where Conservative Don Plett said he's not ready to support the measure.

On his way into the Commons, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said he expects the Senate to recognize the rights contained in the bill.

The legislation would, if passed, make it illegal under the Canadian Human Rights Act to deny someone a job or to discriminate in the workplace on the basis of the gender they identify with or outwardly express. THE CANADIAN PRESS

METRO EXPLAINS

What to know about the trans bill

Elisha Dacey
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WHAT IS IN THE BILL?

The legislation includes provisions to make it illegal to discriminate against someone in the workplace because they identify as a different gender, and would see the Criminal Code updated to extend hate speech laws to protect transgender people.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR TRANS PEOPLE?

This means if someone is targeted in a crime because of their gender identity or gender expression, judges would have to consider that aspect of the crime as an aggravating factor.

HOW WILL IT BE ENFORCED?

Similar to current enforcement around any hate speech or human rights violation law. It would simply mean gender identity and expression would also be protected under the law.

WHAT CAN BE IMPROVED?

Several advocates say this is an important first step but it's impossible at this point to know how effective it will be.

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Friendship credited with changing Tory minds

Conservative MP Michelle Rempel says a lot has changed in the three years since she voted against a bill that would have made it illegal to discriminate on the basis of gender identity or expression.

For one, there's her friendship with NDP MP Randall Garrison, whose private member's bill to defend the rights of transgender Canadians was gutted last year in the Senate, but inspired the new bill introduced Tuesday by the Liberal government.

"He's done a lot of really thoughtful work on this issue that I would consider to be non-partisan, and we've had some very good chats about this," Rempel said Tuesday from Copenhagen, where she is attending the Women Deliver conference.

She said she's strongly inclined to support the legislation, known as Bill C-16, although she wants to read it thoroughly before officially making up her mind.

Garrison said he expects many Conservatives who voted against his bill to support this one and confirmed that friendship might have something to do with it.

Conservative MP Michelle Rempel
ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"There is a lot of Conservatives that I am personally friends with, and I think for some of them — not for (Rempel), but for some of them — it's the first time they ever got to know anybody from the gay community on a personal basis," Garrison said.

"That's helped change some minds."

Rempel, who had voted against Garrison's bill at third reading despite supporting it at second reading, acknowledged at the time that the transgender community faces discrimination, including violence.

But she was concerned the legislation lacked concrete measures to protect people from violence and other forms of discrimination on the basis of gender identity or expression, making it little more than a symbolic gesture.

Since then, she said, the transgender community has done a lot of work on the issues of housing, workplace discrimination, violence and identification cards and she now believes federal legislation would also send a message to provincial and municipal governments.

"This isn't a panacea," Rempel said. "This isn't going to change all of those things overnight.

"But I think it has been very clear over the last three years that the community feels this is a very important step in the right direction."

Interim Conservative leader Rona Ambrose has also changed her mind, saying Tuesday that she would be supporting Bill C-16 and that her caucus colleagues would be free to vote as they wish. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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U.S. campaign spending soars

POLITICS

2012 election set records, this one will be no different

Mitt Romney won the Republican primary. Then he became an invisible man.

The 2012 presidential election was four months away, then three, then two. Romney trailed in the polls. Yet his schedule of public events was tiny, the candidate nowhere to be seen for hours on end. Unless you had a pile of cash to spare.

Romney was theoretically running for president. In reality, he was spending most of his summer trying to convince rich people to give him money.

"It is something to see a candidate go and spend seven, eight, nine hours a day raising money, get back on a plane, all the reporters write that you're not really campaigning, and then you write cheques — and at least 50 per cent of what you've raised goes to the parent organizations of the press in the back of the plane," the campaign's chief strategist, Stuart Stevens, said this week.

$7B

The new record in campaign spending set in 2012.

The 2012 campaign set a record for U.S. election spending: $7 billion. Four years later, there has never before been so much candidate talk about the evils of money in politics — and this campaign will almost certainly set another record.

Some of the cash will go to old-fashioned staples like yard signs and brochures and drab offices and the organizers to staff them. Some will go to newfangled necessities like social media monitoring and voter microtargeting. But by far the biggest chunk will go to TV ads.

Even though those ads almost always have a small impact on the outcome. At all levels, campaigns and their allies keep raising more money and then spending it on TV. They do it for the same reason people climb Mount Everest, said Tom Korologos, a Bush donor and former ambassador to Belgium.

"Because it's there," he said.

The money is there in large part because of Citizens United — the 2010 Supreme Court decision that lets corporations give unlimited sums to Super PACs, quasi-independent spending groups that are free to run ads promoting particular candidates.

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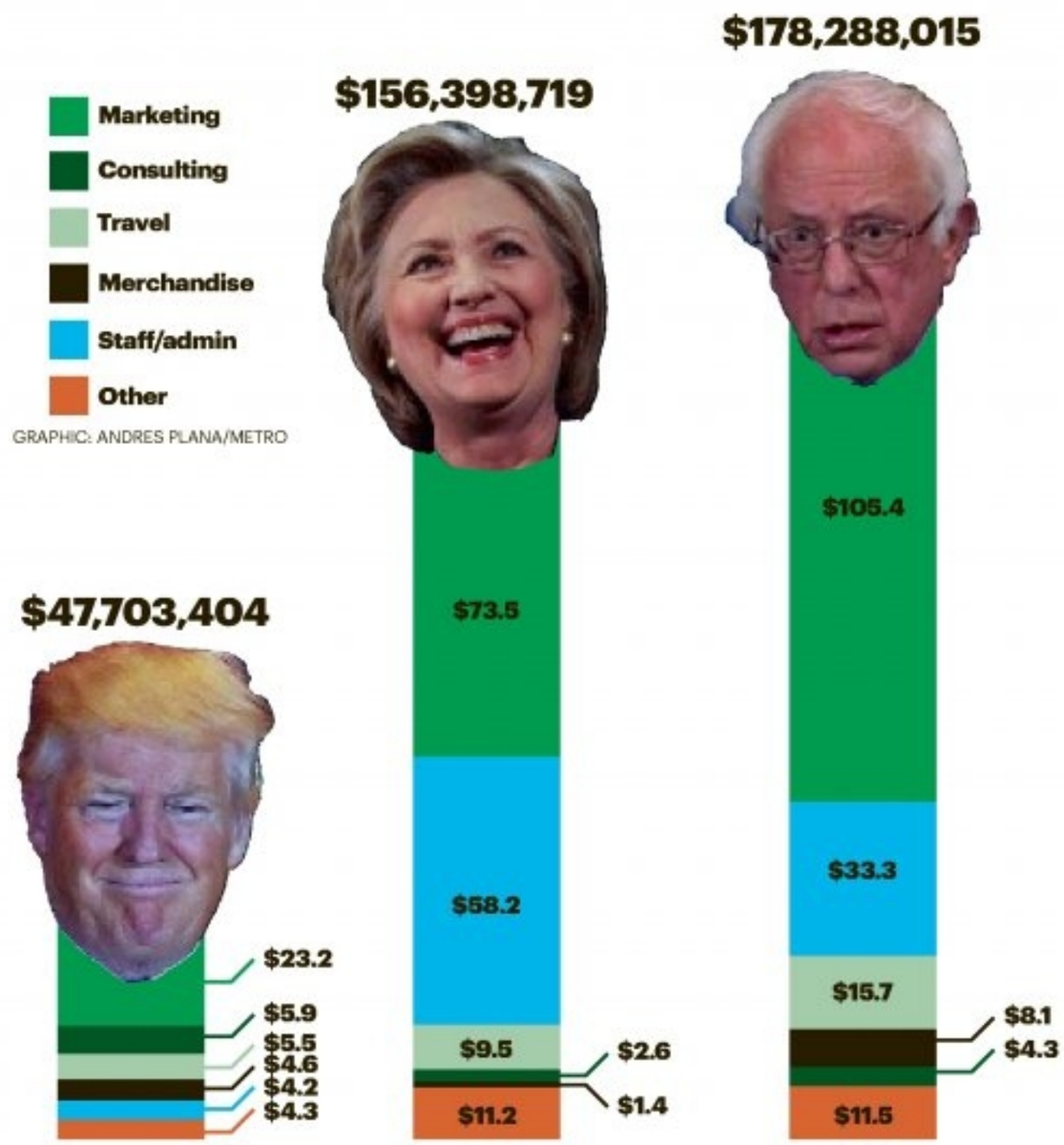

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ON JUSTIN'S 'UNOFFICIAL' SPOUSE

The real cause of the media backlash against Sophie is her husband, who once said his family was rich. That, to conservatives' ears, meant taxpayers shouldn't have to cover his family's lifestyle. Or his wife's public-service aims.

I feel for officially useless Sophie Grégoire Trudeau. She must have known there would be more days like this.

In the sequel to Nannygate, she told a Le Soleil reporter that she needs more help to respond to charities and non-profits, and generally "serve the public." That was the spark that lit the fire — though it required a lot of hot air to really get the blaze going.

"We don't need a First Lady," said the Sun, and, for once, it's right. Good thing we don't have one. If we did, Grégoire Trudeau might be asking for Michelle Obama's 24-strong staff.

Others accused her of benefiting from another "entitled" government position, as if a spousal role to the prime minister were not also a government role. To say Canada has a "no official spouse" policy is tantamount to calling a tomato a fruit: objectively true, practically useless.

Of course spouses have political roles. We should be grateful they're not set in stone, that our prime minsters' wives have been able to choose how much free labour to undertake on behalf of Canadians while their husbands run the nation.

What seems to irk the irked is that Grégoire Trudeau is failing to count her blessings.

To say Canada has a 'no official spouse' policy is to call a tomato a fruit: objectively true, practically useless.

"And then here came Grégoire Trudeau — with two nannies at home, a cook, housekeepers and no official duties — lamenting about how she is overburdened," wrote Robyn Urback in the National Post. Well, those are not Sophie's staff and hers only. Suggesting they're "hers" implies that, by virtue of being a woman, Sophie would naturally be in charge of all the cooking, cleaning and child rearing.

In truth, Sophie has a single assistant, and even one or two more wouldn't make her anomalous in our history. It might be more than Laureen Harper had (a fact I haven't been able to confirm but seems assumed by every conservative columnist and eager-to-pounce NDP critic) but it would match Mila Mulroney's three staff, never mind her office on Parliament Hill.

It's also overreaching — and patronizing — for pundits to suggest the people most offended by Sophie's request for help are other working mothers, to imagine them a unified group with unified anger. Some might be mad, some supportive, and none should be used as political pawns.

But the real cause of all this backlash — surprise, surprise — is Sophie's husband. He once said that his family was rich and in need of less tax relief than less wealthy Canadians. That, to conservatives' ears, meant he was willing to pay his own way, and his wife's, while in government. Thus, taxpayers shouldn't have to cover his family's lifestyle. Or, apparently, his wife's public-service aims.

The suggestion is that our leaders' "entitlements" should be determined by how rich they are. Super rich? Pay for your own staff! Not-so-super rich? Oh, all right — we'll cover you. Oddly, no one has yet come forward with the appropriate net worth/staffing ratio.

What's clear is that Sophie won't soon escape from her critics. So let's end with some advice for you, Sophie, on how to please everyone. Shouldn't be too hard.

1. You can use your role to promote Canadian causes that everyone can agree are good (your choice of women's health and self-esteem is suitable), but do not expect any compensation or assistance. Truthfully, if you decide to be a stay-at-home mum and suspend any professional independence, that would be easier for all involved. Oh, and while you should always be with your kids, don't be photographed with them too much lest it be seen as political posturing.

2. Make a good esthetic impression on our behalf at all times, but note that your expensive clothing in Vogue upset people. Then again, H&M and Joe Fresh aren't the most ethical. And naked is also not an option. Perhaps stay home?

3. Since you come off as elitist, do something common, like spontaneously bursting into song. Oh, wait ...

4. Remember that you have no official role, and therefore no obligation to the Canadian public, except to follow these rules, and all the other, unwritten ones.

5. Finally, know that your mere existence as a modern, professional woman with good looks, effervescence and style is too flashy for Canada and unsettling for the patriarchy. In the end, it might be better to resign from your non-existent role. In fact, better you never even tried.

DON'T FENCE HER IN Some pundits seem to want Sophie Grégoire Trudeau to be a humble homemaker and nothing else. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Disarmament offers Canada chance to lead on world stage

Paul Dewar

If Canada is to win a seat on the UN Security Council, we need a campaign that is bold, global and pertinent.

Leading a global effort on nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament should be a cornerstone of that campaign, and the upcoming G7 meetings in Japan represent a perfect opportunity.

The need to act on nuclear disarmament is clear. Nuclear weapons threaten our collective existence, especially in the hands of non-state actors, such as Daesh, and belligerent countries, such as North Korea. The financial cost to build, maintain and refurbish nuclear weapons is unsustainable. The proliferation of nuclear weapons also raises the risk of false alarms that could lead to inadvertent use.

The world needs leadership and action on disarmament, and Canada is well-positioned to move things forward.

It is important to remember the political and historic capital we have. As a county that has never developed nuclear weapons, we have credibility. As a G7 nation and a member of NATO, the Commonwealth, and the Francophonie, we have global connectivity. And we have some of the best experts in the diplomacy, science and verification of nuclear weapons.

No other country has these claims.

Recently, Minister Dion joined with other G7 foreign ministers in signing a commitment to act on the issue of nuclear disarmament. In April, our Permanent Mission in Geneva hosted representatives from 22 governments — both nuclear-weapons countries and non-nuclear weapons countries — to discuss proposals for advancing nuclear disarmament.

What can Canada propose?

We should use the upcoming G7 to announce that Canada will make nuclear disarmament a cornerstone of our campaign for a seat on the UN Security Council. And we should commit to a specific set of actions.

First, we should pledge concrete support for the Iranian nuclear deal, by offering to provide assistance in verification and compliance.

Second, we should commit additional support to the work of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Third and most important, Canada should offer to host a high-level conference to discuss a Nuclear Weapons Convention. This conference would allow all countries to share ideas in an open setting and begin work towards a framework agreement leading to a convention.

It is now 71 years since Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the threat of nuclear war is still with us.

Are we ready to put forward serious ideas that will allow Canada to take its place at the UN Security Council and contribute to a more stable world? I hope and think the answer must be yes.

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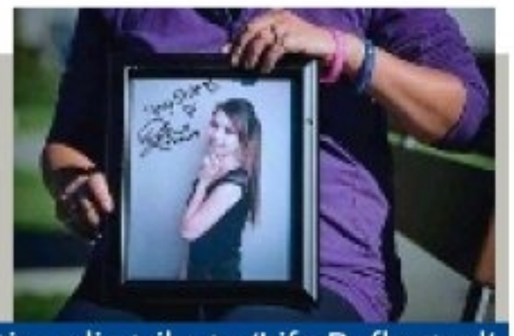

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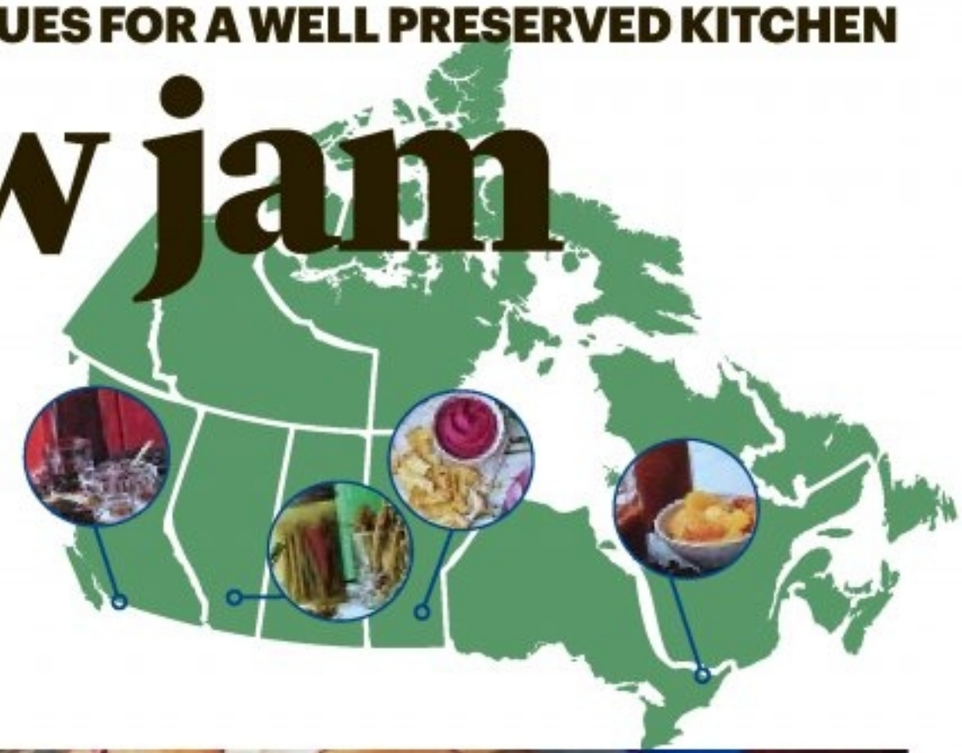

Preserving is not just about jelly and pickles — Canadians Joel MacCharles and Dana Harrison give quick, easy and cheap meal ideas made from delicious local ingredients.

Applesauce

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Ingredients:
- 12 lb apples, different types if possible
- 3 cinnamon sticks
- 12 whole cloves
- 1 cup honey
- ¼ cup fresh lemon juice

You will need:
- 2 pieces of cheesecloth

Start the sauce:
1. Core and peel the apples, setting the scraps aside for the vinegar.

2. In a high-speed blender, pulse the apples until the pieces are very small. The smaller the pieces, the faster they will cook.

3. Wrap the cinnamon sticks in one piece of the cheesecloth. Wrap the cloves in the second piece of cheesecloth and set the cloves aside.

4. Place the apple pieces in a large pot, add the honey and the wrapped cinnamon sticks, and bring to a simmer. Simmer uncovered for 30 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Process the sauce:
5. Prepare your canning pot and rack, and sterilize your jars and lids.

6. Add the wrapped cloves to the applesauce and continue to simmer uncovered for 30 minutes more.

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LIQUID ASSETS

Wash your barbecue down with the pink stuff

While I've already pushed the button on my gas grill a few times this year, for many Canadians the Victoria Day long weekend is the official start of barbecue season. I did a quick poll of friends to get their favourite things to throw on the coals and the unanimous answer was hamburgers and hotdogs; the kings of summertime comfort food.

Red wines made with the likes of Malbec, Zinfandel and Cabernet Sauvignon fit the bill for a nice pairing, as do lightly oaked Chardonnay-based whites. In the middle is rosé, the great liquid ambassador.

Kim Crawford's 2015 Pansy! Rosé ($16.49-$19.99), a blend of Malbec and Merlot from New Zealand's Hawkes Bay region, is a full-figured pink wine with more than enough chutzpah to meet any grilled meat main and its flavour-forward companions head on.

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FOOD TREND

Finally, a cake that tastes like nothing

This year's answer to the cronut is an edible breast implant. Well done, humanity.

OK, it's actually called a raindrop cake and it's essentially a half-sphere of colourless, flavourless jelly that's supposed to look — and taste — like a large, freshly fallen raindrop. It's jiggly, smooth and delicate. When bitten, the raindrop yields a soft, melty texture that falls apart rather than giving off a chewy, bouncy, Jell-O-like texture. After 30 minutes or so, the whole thing is supposed to disintegrate. Yum!

The dessert has been making the rounds across international media outlets for the past two months, spurred on by New Yorker Darren Wong, who started selling it for $8 a pop at a Williamsburg (of course) food market called Smorgasburg in April.

A raindrop cake. TORSTAR

Raindrop Cake
Ingredients:

- 1 cup (250 mL) distilled water
- 1/8 tsp (0.5 mL) agar powder
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) superfine sugar, optional
- 1 or 2 drops clear extract like peppermint, orange blossom or rosewater, optional

Directions:

1. In a small saucepan over low heat, pour in water and sprinkle in agar. Stir until agar has completely dissolved. Sprinkle in sugar and add extract, if using. Stir. Bring to a gentle simmer, stir and let cook for one minute.
2. Pour mixture into silicone hemisphere moulds or a small round rice bowl. Chill in fridge for one hour, or until mixture has set. Carefully remove from moulds and place on plates.
3. Top with desired toppings like sesame seeds, fruit puree or maple syrup.
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Calories 400
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Sodium 2280mg

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Sandwiches are an easy go-to lunch — just stack some pre-sliced meats between two slices of bread. Not so fast — we've been warned about the unhealthiness of processed meats for a while — they contain excess fat, sodium and harmful preservatives such as nitrites and nitrates, which are linked to cancers. Let's skip the salami and go for a cooked, not smoked, ham. Most cooked hams do not include nitrates, but always read the ingredient list. You'll save on these slices — salami has double the calories and sodium, and over four times the fat.

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WHAT I'M WATCHING

This crime show leaves no Blindspots

THE SHOW: Blindspot, Season 1, Episode 22 (NBC/CTV)
THE MOMENT: The table recap

Blindspot solves the problem of viewers feeling lost by recapping itself every five minutes. CONTRIBUTED

A baby girl has been found in a duffel bag — just as Jane Doe (Jaimie Alexander), our main character, was found in episode one. The two even have a matching tattoo. The FBI tracked down the man who dropped off the baby, but a sniper killed him. Standing around a table in the FBI office, the team does a rapid-fire recap.

"So he steals a baby?" Jane asks.

"Not just any baby, the granddaughter of a famous politician," growls the aptly named Kurt (Sullivan Stapleton).

"I can't find any record of her birth," Patterson (Ashley Johnson) chimes in.

"More importantly, why haven't the Warrens reported her missing?" Kurt snarls.

I watched episode one of this series, but didn't continue. So I was curious to see if, 21 installments later, I could keep up. It's a major concern for shows that unravel a mystery across a season, such as Lost, 24 or Quantico: If you miss an hour, it feels like too much to catch up on, so you drop it.

Blindspot solves that problem by recapping itself every five minutes, in high-speed dialog that sustains the illusion of tension. "A little girl left in a bag totally helpless — doesn't that remind you of someone?" Jane asks. Why yes, Jane, it reminds me of you! Amazing!

Even action scenes (assailants steal a baby) are followed immediately by recaps ("Assailants have stolen a baby!"). So don't worry about keeping track since episode one. You don't even have to keep track between commercials.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

Kristen Stewart makes return to supernatural

FESTIVAL NEWS

Actress debuts ghostly film Personal Shopper at Cannes

The idea of Kristen Stewart playing a combination ghost chaser and fashionista sounds like something from the realm of comedy.

Yet in Personal Shopper, her new film which has electrified — make that terrified — the Cannes Film Festival, it's an artful take on the horror movie genre. Representing a new advance as an actress for Stewart, 26, the film is far more frightening and cerebral than anything seen during her Twilight vampire franchise days.

"I was surprised every day by how scary the movie was," she told a press conference Tuesday, recalling how the "trippy, dreamy, surreal and existential" script she'd read exactly once turned into something altogether different during filming.

The Palme d'Or-contending movie, world-premiering at Cannes, reunites her with writer/director Olivier Assayas, whose Clouds of Sils Maria earned her the best supporting actress prize at the 2015 Césars, the French Oscars, the first American actress to win a César.

The French auteur again has Stewart working as a personal assistant for a demanding female employer and taking a long train journey as part of her job, but this time with far creepier effect.

Her character, Maureen Cartwright, is the Paris-based go-fer and dresser for the fabulously rich Kyra (Nora Von Waldstätten), who is too famous and entitled to shop for her own designer clothes and Cartier jewels.

Maureen does the fittings and fetching for her boss, working efficiently but with a vague sense of resentment. Stewart puts these competing impulses across with the most subtle of words and expressions, and also small acts of rebellion.

This is not how we first meet Maureen, however. The movie opens in more conventional spook story fashion, with a visit to an imposing rural mansion. Maureen is accompanied by Lara (Sigrid Bouaziz), the grieving girlfriend of Lewis, Maureen's recently deceased twin brother. The two siblings both had a congenital heart condition they believed predisposed them to perceiving ghostly visitors, and Maureen is hoping to contact her bro from across the life/death divide — which means spending the night alone in the house (Lara refuses to stay).

What transpires is as unsettling as it is perplexing, and soon we see Maureen back at her celebrity helper job, taking a return day trip to London via the Chunnel train on yet another fashion mission for Kyra. Suddenly she has an "unknown caller," contacting her via texts on her smartphone, an aggressive and vexing presence not unlike the mocking telephone psycho from Scream.

Is the texter human or something altogether different?

Anyone expecting Personal Shopper to follow a conventional horror-movie trajectory is in for a disappointment, which may explain why there were a few boos Monday night at the press preview in the Debussy Theatre.

Kristen Stewart at Cannes, where she premiered her new film Personal Shopper about a young woman working as a personal shopper who can also communicate with ghosts. GETTY IMAGES

The film is about someone dealing with grief and loss but also trying to discover who she really is.

"It is a movie about finding yourself. It's an enormous identity-crisis movie," said Stewart, who still sports the new platinum blonde hair bob she unveiled at last week's Cannes gala opener, Woody Allen's Café Society, in which she plays both assistant and lover to a Hollywood agent.

Personal Shopper also addresses the idea of what's real and what's not in our lives, and whether there are worlds beyond the known ones.

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Titan XD can play with the best

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REVIEW

Heavy truck offers combo of comfort, power

Nissan knows it can't rely strictly on a brand name to sell its truck, because although the Cummins-powered Titan XD has garnered plenty of attention since it was launched, it will only be a small part of the brand's overall truck sales pie.

The brand wants us to think of the Titan as a heavy half-ton that offers the capability of an HD pickup. Base curb weight on the gas-powered truck is still a hefty 2,724 kilograms for the S model, though that is 272 kg lighter than the diesel-version.

The maximum payload on the gas-powered version comes in at 1177 kg with rear-wheel drive.

It's safe to say that this rig won't be easy on the wallet when it comes to fuel bills. Our day of driving had the internal readout ranging from 21.7 to 18.8 litres per 100 km, about what you'd expect from such a heavy truck.

It would also be nice to see a larger fuel tank option.

The lush rolling hills of Tennessee served as our test bed for this new powertrain, a 5.6-litre V8 with 390 horsepower and a seven-speed automatic transmission.

Though the displacement is the same as the V8 found in the previous Titan, this engine is heavily revised, with the biggest changes being the addition of direct injection and Nissan's proprietary VVEL (Variable Valve Event & Lift) technology. These changes help in low-end power delivery and overall refinement in the engine.

Though it is a heavy truck, the Titan XD isn't a slouch with this V8 under the hood, certainly offering more get-up-and-go than the big diesel. Also serving the power up well is the seven-speed transmission.

Loafing about the tight Tennessee roads through farm country, the Titan felt heavy, pushing when hustled through corners, but the most prevalent sensation is one of comfort. The cabin is nicely muted from the road and the heavy set nature of the truck allows it to feel absolutely planted to the ground in all situations, especially when cruising in a straight line at highway speeds.

Steering feel is on the light side for the Titan, while the brakes feel very strong, especially with no weight pushing from the rear end of the truck.

Nothing can upset the large, calm nature of this truck.

Nissan is claiming that the Titan XD is just as comfortable as modern half-tons, and it's not a lie.

With the Titan XD, Nissan has a fine product that is capable of playing on the big stage with best players in the game.

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THE CHECKLIST | 2016 NISSAN TITAN HD

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Transmission: Seven-speed automatic.
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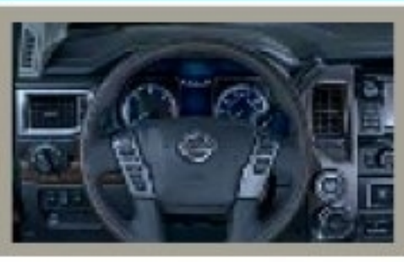

LOVE IT
- Strong low-end pull
- Overall comfort
- Price point

LEAVE IT
- No larger fuel tank options

PAGANI HUAYRA PEARL

Secret customer to buy one-off

The Pagani Huayra's production is limited to just 100 units, and the Pearl might be the most exclusive of all. HANDOUT

The Pagani Huayra Pearl has been introduced as a one-of-one special hypercar.

The Italian automaker released a video showcasing the Pagani Huayra Pearl, which was built as a one-off for exotic car dealership Refined Marques for an unnamed customer.

Boasting several unique elements like a roof scoop and a split rear wing, Pagani says that the Huayra Pearl "sets new standards in terms of custom built. It is the result of a combination between art and science, design and technology, form and function. It is the very first example of a custom made Huayra specifically built for one customer."

The Pagani Huayra's production is limited to just 100 units and the Huayra Pearl might turn out to be the most exclusive of them all.

Pricing was not announced, but we're guessing the new owner doesn't care considering they have a one-off Pagani Huayra with its own name.

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DRIVE BRIEFS

Audi SQ7 debuts as 'most powerful diesel SUV on the Market'

Audi has surprised naysayers by unveiling a diesel-powered SQ7.

The 2017 Audi SQ7 TDI is powered by a twin-turbocharged 4.0-litre diesel V8 with 435 horsepower, making it what Audi says is the "most powerful diesel SUV on the market."

In what Audi claims is a world first, the two turbos are supported by an electric-powered compressor, meaning turbo lag should be virtually nonexistent.

On the outside, the SQ7 gets a more aggressive look complete with a unique grille, air intakes, front apron and roof edge spoiler.

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Guilia gets all the guts and glory

HANDOUT

MEDICAL TRANSPORT

Alfa Romeo joins the force

Instead of being used for high-speed chases to catch bad guys, the Alfa Romeo Giulia will actually serve as a vehicle for emergency medical use, transporting organs and blood. And this isn't just your plain Jane, entry-level Giulia, the Italian police force is taking advantage of the Quadrifoglio's Ferrari-sourced twin-turbo V6 engine packing 505 horsepower to help save lives. It will also be used to help escort ceremonial cars. Outfitted with your typical police garb, the Alfa Romeo Giulia Quadrifoglio gets radios and lights, a portable defibrillator and LED flashlights in the doors. The automaker doesn't mention any performance upgrades to the car's brakes or engine, but it's unlikely that it's necessary considering that the Alfa Romeo Giulia Quadrifoglio holds the fastest sedan lap time at the Nurburgring.

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TESLA MODEL X

Bioweapon defense mode put to the test

Is the Tesla Model X's Bioweapon Defense Mode just a marketing gimmick? The American automaker outfitted its latest model with a HEPA filtration system that is capable of stripping the outside air of pollen, bacteria and pollution before they enter the cabin. The Tesla Model X was placed in a large bubble and contaminated with extreme levels of pollution. In less than two minutes, the HEPAfiltration system scrubbed the air in the Model X, bringing pollution levels to as low as being undetectable.

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BUGATTI

Savage sounds of the Chiron

The Bugatti Chiron makes news whenever it's seen in public because, besides the fact that it looks like a spaceship, it sounds absolutely savage. The French hypercar's latest stop on its world tour was the International Vienna Motor Symposium, where all the latest engines debut. The symposium is the perfect place to show off the Chiron, which is powered by an 8.0-litre quad-turbocharged W16.

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What to do in an accident

CAR COLLISIONS

Step one: Don't panic!

Michelle Williams

If you're involved in an accident, make sure everyone is safe, move your vehicles off the road and then trade contact and insurance information. ISTOCK

At some point, nearly every driver has the misfortune to experience a collision. Whether it's a fender bender or something more extensive, the initial reaction will always be distress, maybe even panic. No one wants to be in an accident, but it can be much less stressful to deal with if you know what to do.

Keep calm

"Step one: Don't panic," advises Heather Mack, director of government relations for Alberta, Manitoba and Territories for the Insurance Bureau of Canada. Unfortunately, accidents happen all the time. According to Mack, about 145,000 collisions took place in the province of Alberta in 2014.

The first concern is the safety of everyone involved. "Check and see if anyone is injured and, if so, call 911 and get police and ambulance to the scene right away," says Mack. For minor injuries, you may not need an ambulance but you will still need the police.

Check the damage

If no one is injured, the next step is to check the damage to the vehicles. "If the damage is more than $2,000 total between all cars involved, it needs to be reported to the police," says Mack. The cost may be hard to judge, though most collisions that damage both vehicles will meet the threshold.

"You don't need police to come to the scene if no one is hurt, the vehicles are still roadworthy and everyone is calm. But you'll still have to go to the police station to file a report." Auto-repair shops need to see the sticker on your car showing you've filed a police report before they can work on your vehicle if the damage is more than $2,000. "It's the law," she says.

You also need to file a report if you hit public property. You are liable if you run into a stop sign or a light standard — or if you damage someone else's property, like a fence or a wall.

Get out of the way

If no one is hurt and your car can be moved, it's wise to move it to the side of the road while you assess the damage and trade information. "Put on your hazard lights and be sure you're out of harm's way," says Mack. "There are many cases of bystanders or vehicle owners getting hit by another vehicle when cars are stopped on the road."

Once everyone is safe, trade names, contact and insurance information. "You can take a picture with your phone of the other driver's pink insurance slip and maybe take a moment to photograph damage to the other car just in case you need it," she says.

An exception would be if you suspect the other driver may have committed a crime, like driving under the influence. "In that case, don't move vehicles. Wait for the police, as they'll have to assess the scene and investigate."

And what if the other driver is upset, aggressive or argumentative? "Best to call police in that case," Mack suggests. "Don't engage in a battle with another driver. Let the police deal with it and let the insurance companies sort out liability." If any bystanders witnessed the accident, ask them to stick around to talk to police.

Call your insurer

Once you've dealt with the immediate issues, call your insurer. "You may have never been involved in an accident, but they deal with it every day," Mack says. "If you need a tow, call right away. If there's little damage, maybe wait until you've filed your police report, as your insurer will want the police file number." Mack recommends waiting to get repair quotes until after you speak to your insurance carrier, as they will help walk you through the steps.

Finally, make sure you're covered. "It's important to know what to do if you're involved in an accident," says Mack, "but you also want the peace of mind to know you're covered and know your deductible so there are no unpleasant surprises."

5 STEPS TO FOLLOW IN AN ACCIDENT

1. Stop. Stay calm. Remember: accidents happen all the time.

2. Make sure no one is hurt and everyone is safe.

3. Move vehicles if you can while you exchange information or wait for police.

4. If anyone is injured or if damage to vehicles is significant, call the police. Otherwise, drive to the police station to file a report.

5. Call your insurer.

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Canada's winning streak at the world championship ended at 16 games after a 4-0 loss to Finland in its preliminary-round finale Tuesday

Cavs out to roaring start

RAPTORS
CLEVELAND LEADS 1-0

LeBron & Co. pull away early in laugher

LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers made sure Toronto's introduction to the Eastern Conference final was not a pleasant one.

James scored 24 points on near perfect shooting, while Kyrie Irving had 27 as the Cavaliers throttled the Raptors 115-84 in Game 1 on Tuesday, Toronto's first conference final appearance in franchise history.

GAME 1 In Cleveland

James punished the Raptors on 11-for-13 shooting, the four-time NBA MVP looking for most of the night like a man playing against boys.

DeMar DeRozan had 18 points on a solid night, but the rest of the Raptors could do little against a Cavaliers team that thoroughly embarrassed Toronto. Bismack Biyombo had 12 points, while James Johnson finished with 10.

The Raptors hung in with the home team through the opening quarter, but almost as if they'd been toying with Toronto, the Cavaliers then thrust a foot on the throat of the Raptors and held it there until the final, merciful, buzzer.

Cleveland's 22-point lead in the second quarter became a whopping 28 points by the end of the third, as the Cavs took a 95-67 advantage into the fourth. Raptors coach Dwane Casey waved the virtual white flag with 10 minutes to play, pulling his starters for seldom-used Delon Wright and Jason Thompson.

When Terrence Ross went up for what should have been a spectacular dunk with six minutes left to play, the ball bounced out, an apt metaphor on an ugly night. With three minutes to play, fans erupted into chants of "U-S-A!"

The Cavs outrebounded Toronto 45-23, and clobbered them in the paint 56-36.

Game 2 is Thursday in Cleveland, then the series shifts to the Air Canada Centre for Game 3 on Saturday and Game 4 on Monday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cavaliers forward LeBron James celebrates a dunk against the Raptors' Patrick Patterson on Tuesday night in Cleveland.
FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

MLB

Odor gets 8 games for punch

Texas second baseman Rougned Odor was given an eight-game suspension Tuesday while Toronto manager John Gibbons and pitcher Jesse Chavez each received three-game bans for their actions in a weekend game between the Rangers and Blue Jays.

A total of 14 players and staff members from the two teams were disciplined, Major League Baseball said in a statement Tuesday evening.

Rougned Odor
GETTY IMAGES

Odor, who delivered a punch to the jaw of Blue Jays slugger Jose Bautista, was suspended for fighting in the top of the eighth inning in Sunday's game. The incident started a bench-clearing melee at Globe Life Park in Arlington.

Chavez was disciplined for intentionally throwing at Prince Fielder in the bottom of the inning with warnings in place for both sides.

Rangers shortstop Elvis Andrus was given a one-game suspension for "aggressive actions" during the incident while Bautista was given a one-game ban for his on-field actions and for his post-game comments.

Gibbons, who returned to the field after being ejected earlier in the game, confirmed before Tuesday night's game against Tampa Bay that he was also fined $5,000 US. Toronto first base coach Tim Leiper received a one-game suspension and received an undisclosed fine.

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Steve Ott of the Blues crashes to the ice ahead of the Sharks' Tommy Wingels on Tuesday. DILIP VISHWANAT/GETTY IMAGES

NHL PLAYOFFS

Burns, Sharks trip up Blues

Brent Burns scored San Jose's first two power-play goals of the Western Conference final and Martin Jones stopped 26 shots for his second shutout of the post-season as the Sharks beat the St. Louis Blues 4-0 Tuesday night to even the series at a game apiece.

Tommy Wingels and Dainius Zubrus also scored and Logan Couture had two assists to help the Sharks bounce back from a tight loss in the opener.

Game 3 is Thursday night in San Jose.

Brian Elliott made 20 saves for St. Louis, which is 4-5 at home and 5-2 on the road in the post-season. Elliott wasn't as sharp as he's been throughout the Blues' run to their first conference final since 2001.

GAME 2 In St. Louis

Burns' fifth and sixth goals of the post-season both came on one-timers with Troy Brouwer in the penalty box, and were his only shots of the game. The six-foot-five, 230-pound defenceman made it 2-0 in the second off a nice setup from Joe Pavelski just 16 seconds after Brouwer went off for slashing, and made it a three-goal gap about 12 minutes into the third off a feed from Patrick Marleau 24 seconds after Brouwer was whistled for high sticking. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOSING STREAK

Rays repeat rout of Jays

Shortstop Brad Miller had three hits, including a triple, and drove in three runs on Tuesday night as the Tampa Bay Rays picked apart the Toronto Blue Jays 12-2.

Tampa Bay's dominant win came one night after it beat Toronto 13-2.

Jose Bautista's two-run home run was the height of Toronto's offence as the Blue Jays lost for the fourth time in a row.

MLB

Thor strikes down Scherzer in duel

Noah Syndergaard readily admits he had no chance at the plate against Max Scherzer. On the mound, though, the young Mets ace more than held his own.

Syndergaard brought his 100 m.p.h. heat and struck out 10, Curtis Granderson homered on Scherzer's first pitch, and New York beat the Washington Nationals 2-0 Tuesday night to stop a four-game skid.

"I think he rises to the challenge," Mets manager Terry Collins said.

Syndergaard shows little emotion on or off the field, but was pumped up to face a former Cy Young Award winner who threw two no-hitters last year and fanned a record-tying 20 in his previous start.

"It just adds that much more," Syndergaard said.

Daniel Murphy returned to Citi Field with a major league-best .400 batting average and drew two early standing ovations, then got booed. The former Mets post-season star got one of five hits Syndergaard (4-2) gave up in seven innings.

Mets ace Noah "Thor" Syndergaard GETTY IMAGES

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PREMIER LEAGUE

Man United left wanting for top 4

Manchester United's absence from the Champions League for the second time in three years was confirmed on Tuesday after a 3-1 win over Bournemouth in a Premier League game hastily rearranged because of a bomb scare.

Wayne Rooney scored one goal and played a part in the other two, scored by Marcus Rashford and substitute Ashley Young, as United finished in fifth place to qualify for the Europa League group stage.

Qualifying for the Champions League — with its prestige and vast riches — was United's priority this season, meaning that manager Louis van Gaal has failed to meet his targets. David Moyes was fired in 2014 for that very reason, and Van Gaal will find out after the FA Cup final against Crystal Palace on Saturday whether he goes the same way.

Louis van Gaal GETTY IMAGES

"A club like Manchester United has to play at that level," Van Gaal said of the Champions League.

To do so, United had to beat Bournemouth by a minimum 19-goal margin to overtake fourth-place Manchester City. Even in the strangest season in the Premier League's 24-year history, that was never going to happen and United wound up behind City on goal difference.

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IN BRIEF

Philly's pain pays off in lottery with No. 1 pick

The Philadelphia 76ers won the NBA draft lottery Tuesday night and will have the No. 1 pick in June.

The Los Angeles Lakers finished second but also felt like winners, as they would have dealt their pick to Philadelphia had they fallen out of the top three.

The Boston Celtics, with a pick dealt to them by the Brooklyn Nets get No. 3.

Toronto will pick ninth. The Raptors got the pick as part of the deal that sent Andrea Bargnani to the Knicks in 2013. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. investigating Russia for doping: New York Times

U.S. prosecutors are investigating claims that dozens of top Russian athletes participated in a sophisticated state-sponsored doping program, The New York Times reported Tuesday.

Two unidentified requested anonymity.

The probe, launched by the U.S. Attorney's office for the Eastern District of New York, is looking at athletes, government, anti-doping officials and people who may have benefited, the Times reported. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jon Cooper's Lightning have yet to lose consecutive games this post-season going into Game 3 of the Eastern Conference final on Wednesday night in Tampa, Fla. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Bolts promise there's 'more in the tank'

NHL PLAYOFFS

Lightning think best is yet to come vs. Penguins

The Tampa Bay Lightning are back home after splitting the first two games of the Eastern Conference final, feeling good about themselves, though hardly satisfied.

"We've got to play better to win this series, there's no doubt," coach Jon Cooper said Tuesday, adding the team has yet to "put our best foot forward" against the Pittsburgh Penguins.

"I think now that we've played them two times, we know a little bit more what to expect," Cooper added. "But I know we've got more in the tank than what we've showed."

Game 3 is Wednesday night at Amalie Arena.

"By no means am I sitting here saying: 'Oh gosh we're a way better team.' Not at all. They have a lot to do with it as well," Cooper said. "You don't get to the conference final by fluke. They've got a really good team. There's a reason they've had the (NHL's) best record since February, whatever it is, and they're playing well."

The Lightning have been one of the NHL's most resilient teams during the playoffs, so they're confident they have the resolve to bounce back from a 3-2 overtime loss in Game 2 to regain the edge in the best-of-seven matchup.

Cooper is more concerned with eliminating mistakes that have contributed to a lack of scoring opportunities, as well as playing better defence in front of goalie Andrei Vasilevskiy, who's filling in for injured starter Ben Bishop.

> **We've played our hearts out.**
> Jon Cooper whose Lightning are 9-3 in the playoffs.

Bishop left Game 1 with a lower left leg injury and is day to day. And, although Cooper said he's optimistic the Vezina Trophy finalist will be able to return at some point in the series, it doesn't seem likely Wednesday.

Not that the Lightning lack confidence in Vasilevskiy, who had 38 saves in Game 2 on Monday night.

"I feel bad for Vasilevskiy. That kid just plays lights out for us every time, and we just haven't played very well in front of him. We seem to hang him out to dry at times during games," Cooper said.

While Cooper stressed that Tampa Bay can play better, he doesn't want anyone to get the impression that he's disappointed in the way his team — which has been without injured star Steven Stamkos the entire playoffs — has performed.

The Lightning, trying to reach the Stanley Cup final for the second straight year, advanced in five games in each of the first two rounds. And, they have yet to lose consecutive games this post-season.

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WASHINGTON CAPITALS

GM MacLellan vows to give Ovi assistance

There are hints of grey in Alex Ovechkin's hair now and his 31st birthday is a few months away.

Ovechkin isn't old, not even in hockey years, and is coming off a 50-goal season. But Washington Capitals general manager Brian MacLellan knows Ovechkin's prime years as a player won't last forever, which adds urgency to the team's push for a Stanley Cup.

After another early playoff exit, MacLellan said it's up to him and the rest of the front office to make sure Ovechkin's playoff window doesn't close too soon.

"Our job is to surround him with a little more depth so there's not the pressure," MacLellan said. "I think he can play a lot more if he doesn't feel that pressure that he needs to win the games.... I think he can play longer given a good team, a deep team. I mean, if you're going to put pressure on him every night to carry the team, he's not going to be more excited about playing."

That's what the Detroit Red Wings did 20 years ago for Steve Yzerman, the face of that franchise and who like Ovechkin shouldered the blame for a lack of playoff success. Yzerman finally won the Cup in his 14th season at the age of 32 and finished with his name on the trophy three times.

The Capitals have made the playoffs eight times in the last nine seasons with Ovechkin and all-star linemate Nicklas Backstrom, yet have failed to reach the third round. MacLellan at the trade deadline referenced a two-year Cup window for this core that included 2015-16 and 2016-17 but on Monday hedged that.

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RECIPE Salmon Parcels

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Unwrap a healthy dinner of fish and crisp veggies. Steam some rice if you feel like a bit more heft.

Ready in
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes

Ingredients
- 2 salmon filets
- 1/2 carrot, cut into matchsticks
- 1 red or yellow pepper, cut into matchsticks
- 1 baby bok choy, the white part cut into matchsticks, the green part cut into ribbons
- 1 Tbsp sesame oil
- 1 Tbsp rice vinegar
- 1 tsp low sodium soy sauce
- 1 tsp ginger, minced

Directions

1. Preheat your oven to 400 degrees. Whisk together oil, vinegar, soy sauce and minced ginger and toss with your veggies

2. Cut two square pieces of parchment, each piece about 12" by 18" square then cut the largest heart shape you can within the squares. Fold it in half down the middle and make a crease

3. Working on a baking sheet, place your parchment down and put half of your veggies down on one half of the heart. Then place one piece of fish on top of the veggie bed. Fold the heart closed and fold and pleat the edges until it is sealed. There will be a little bit at the end that you'll have to tuck under. Repeat with your second parchment.

4. Bake for 15 minutes. Remove and place parcels onto a plate and carefully slice open.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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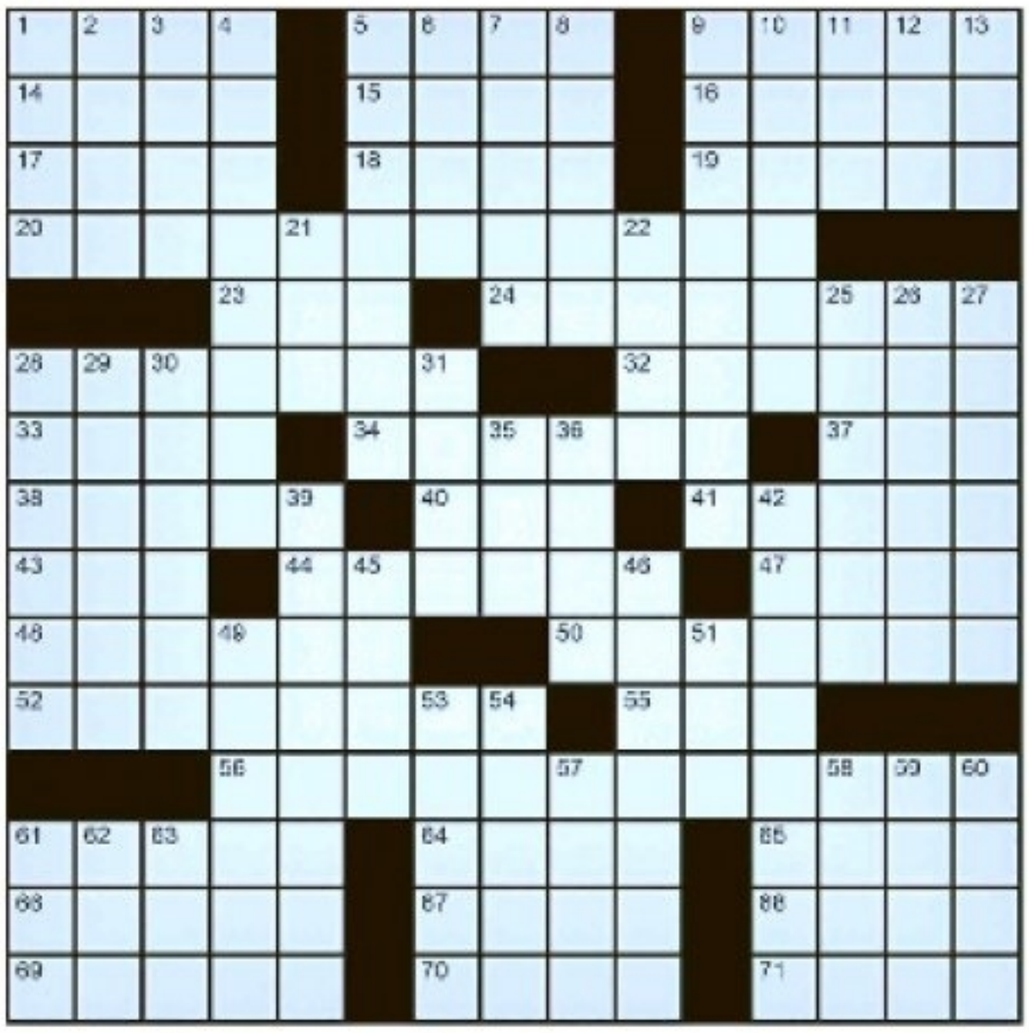

ACROSS
1. Tailoring crease
5. Moves to the jazzy music
9. Vermicelli or penne
14. __-gravity
15. Soup vegetable
16. MC Hammer's "__ Touch This"
17. Suffix with 'Problem'
18. Surprise military attack
19. Watch the big game on one in a sports bar, e.g.
20. Sainte-Helene-de-__, Quebec
23. Pickle jar topper
24. Longing
28. Royal LePage employee
32. Permanent-on-a-person picture
33. Shania Twain album: 'The Woman __'
34. U2's drummer, Larry __ Jr.
37. From __ Z
38. Movie genre
40. "Oh, give __ home where the buffalo roam..."
41. Caffeine nuts
43. "Ich bin __ Berliner." - JFK
44. __-Robbins (Ice cream chain)
47. Loot load
48. Crosses to bear
50. Shreddies and Cheerios
52. Harvey's fare: 2 wds.
55. 'Edmonton' suffix (Denizen of Alberta's capital)
56. Rachel McAdams stars as a TV producer in this 2010 comedy: 2 wds.
61. "__ a Symphony" by The Supremes
64. Ms. Remini
65. Succulent plant
66. Portia's "Ally McBeal" character
67. Stare
68. Bark-made cloth
69. Ms. Kardashian
70. Blue dyestuff
71. Samuel L. Jackson film, "__ Bayou" (1997)

DOWN
1. Swedish auto
2. Intermission, __'acte
3. "It's __!" (3-3 game exclamation)
4. Victor __ (Member of Canadian pop/opera quartet The Tenors)
5. "Yawnsville." reason
6. "That's fine."
7. PCO = __ Council Office
8. The Beatles' "Sexy __"
9. Show who's boss: 2 wds.
10. Highlight
11. Blue
12. "Ka-boom!" causer
13. Four-wheeler, e.g.
21. Young fox
22. Behind
25. Canadian actress Ms. Ricci
26. Less than one hundred percent: 2 wds.
27. Canada __ (Belonging to a Canuck bird)
28. "300: __ an Empire" (2014)
29. Spanish dramatist, Juan del __
30. Grade above B Plus, __
31. Servings in saloons
35. Currency in Albania
36. Secular
39. 'Relief' follows this spelling rule ...but 'Receive' doesn't: letter + word + letter
42. Store sign appreciated by a night owl: 2 wds.
45. Biblical instrument
46. Made a horse sound
49. Manitoba: __-__ Provincial Park
51. __ doll
53. Not set loudly, as a radio: 2 wds.
54. San __, California
57. "The Lion King" (1994) lioness
58. Antarctica's Prince __ Coast
59. Knot-maker's need
60. Fancy 'fors'
61. Pen's liquid
62. Scheming laugh half
63. L ...spelled out

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Upsets with spouses, partners and close friends are likely today. Therefore, don't jump the gun. Wait to hear what others have to say before you react.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Be patient with co-workers today to avoid upsets. Nevertheless, your day will be interrupted by computer crashes, power outages, fire alarms, staff shortages or canceled appointments.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
This is a mildly accident-prone day for your kids, which means if you are a parent, be vigilant. Likewise, if you work with children, make sure they are free from hazardous situations.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Small appliances might break down today, or minor breakages could occur — something will interrupt your home routine. Someone unexpected might knock on your door.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
This is a mildly accident-prone day for your sign, so pay attention to everything you say and do. Think before you act. Guard against knee-jerk reactions.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You might find money today, or you might lose money. This is because something having to do with your financial situation is unpredictable. Guard your possessions against loss, theft or breakage.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Today the Moon is in your sign sitting opposite unpredictable Uranus. Therefore, expect disruptions to your day. You might be obsessed with something unusual. (Easy does it.)

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You feel restless today. You have the feeling that you're waiting for the other shoe to drop. Don't worry, because many people feel this way today. It is what it is.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
A friend or a member of a group might say or do something that surprises you. Alternatively, you might meet a real character today — someone who is bohemian or avant-garde.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You feel defiant when dealing with authority figures today. This is why you don't want anyone bossing you around or telling you what to do. (Remember the power of courtesy.)

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
This is a mildly accident-prone day for your sign; therefore, be careful. Expect travel cancellations or changes. Yikes.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You might be caught off guard with a decision regarding inheritances or shared property today. Be prepared for something from out of the blue that could affect how you financially relate to others.

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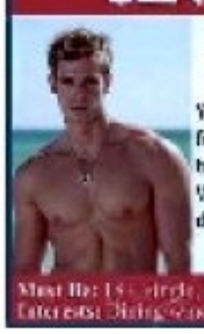
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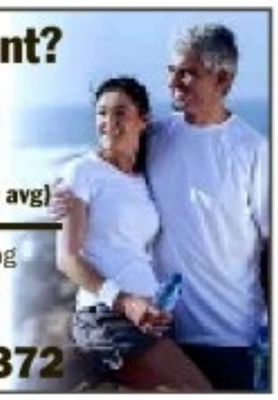

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